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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1904

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF, SN, VN (VAM-CO 24)
SUBJ: ALLEGED HIJACKING BY INDOCHINESE BOAT REFUGEES

REF:KA) STATE 101150, (B) SINGAPORE 1712,
(C) SINGAPORE 1626

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH TAN BOON SENG, SIRECTOR POLITICAL
DIVISION AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AT LATTER'S REQUEST,
APRIL 27.
2. DURING DISCUSSION, TAN INFORMED AMBASSADOR
THAT AUSTRALIA HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT FROM HIJACKED FREIGHTER
VAM-CO 24 ALL REFUGEES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SIX CREW MEMBERS
AND ONE PASSENGER (LATTER ACCOMPANIED BY HIS TWO YEAR OLD SON)
WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE TAKEOVER OF THE VESSEL.
3. DIRECTOR TAN INDICATED THAT AUSTRALIANS HAD REJECTED THIS
GROUP, AND THAT GOS WAS HOPEFUL THAT THESE REFUGEES MIGHT BE
CONSIDERED FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. THE AMBASSADOR, NOTING
LACK OF OFFERS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES, SUGGESTED TO TAN
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THAT RESETTLEMENT OF THIS GROUP COULD BEST BE HANDLED
THROUGH THE UNHCR WHICH WAS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSI-
BILITY OF SOLICITING OFFERS OF REFUGEE ACCEPTANCE
FROM THIRD COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES.
TAN AGREED TO PROCEED THROUGH UNHCR AS AMBASSADOR
SUGGESTED BUT USED OPPORTUNITY TO PASS ON TO U.S.
BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THESE REFUGEES.

4. AFTER THE UNHCR HAS REFERRED THESE CASES TO THE
EMBASSY AND IN THE LIKELY EVENT THIRD COUNTRY OFFERS
OF ACCEPTANCE ARE NOT FORTHCOMING, THIS INFORMATION
SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN CONSIDERING THEIR CASES UNDER
HUMANITARIAN PAROLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2, REFTTEL A.

5. BIO DATA PROVIDED BY TAN FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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